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, TO RESPOND TO CONTINUING INQUIRIES, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON THE HEALTH AND CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT OF KIM TAE-CHUNG. OUR LAST STATUS REPORT ON KIM FROM YOU WAS ON MAY 24 (SEOUL 4375). WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECONFIRMATION OF HIS SITUATION EVERY TWO TO THREE MONTHS EVEN IF NOTHING APPEARS TO HAVE CHANGED.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED A QUERY FROM FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF REGARDING A DECREE OR ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEGEDLY ISSUED RECENTLY IN THE ROK STATING THAT HENCEFORTH THERE WOULD BE CLOSE CONTROL OF PARTICIPATION BY KOREANS IN PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. THE REPORT SUGGESTED THAT HERETOFORE DELEGATES AND PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH MEETINGS HAD NOT ALWAYS SERVED THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO OR CLARIFICATION WHICH WILL REVEAL
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WHETHER IN FACT NEW CONTROLS ARE BEING ADDED WHICH WILL CIRCUMSCRIBE FREE EXPRESSION AND PARTICIPATION BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. CHRISTOPHER

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